GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1030
ANSWERED ON:07.12.2004
CONVENTION ON STATUS OF REFUGEES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the influx of refugees from other countries to India still continuing;

(b) if so, whether our country is a signatory to the 1951 convention on the status of Refugees;

(c) if so, the number of foreign refugees being sheltered in the country, country-wise; and

(d) the action taken for rehabilitation of these refugees?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a): No, Sir. While the number of registered refugees has increased by 5,556 in the year 2003 over that of the previous year, most of this is due to registration of children of already registered refugees, who have become major and only few additional refugees have arrived.

(b): No, Sir.

(c): Country-wise break up of registered refugees as on 31.12.2003 is given in Annexure.

(d): Action on relief and rehabilitation by the Central Government to the refugees is as follows:

(i): Sri Lankan refugees are provided relief assistance pending their repatriation; and

(ii) The rehabilitation of refugees who arrived in India along with His Holiness the Dalai Lama in 1959 has been completed.

ANNEXURE TO UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1030 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 07.12.2004

NUMBER OF REGISTERED REFUGEES (COUNTRY-WISE) AS ON 31.12.2003 (EXCLUDING PAKISTANIS)

Country	No. of Registered Refugees
Afghanistan	12,250
Bangladesh	1,363
China	2
Iran	25
Iraq	3
Malasia	2
Myanmar	725
Somalia	55
Sri Lanka	59,862
Stateless	56,690
Stateless (Hajong/Chakma)	37,591
Total	1,68,568